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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of ) Confirmation No.: 7269  
Steward et al. )  
Serial No: 09/942,024 ) Group Art Unit: 1645  
Filed: August 28, 2001 )  
For: FRET PROTEASE ASSAYS FOR )  
BOTULINUM SEROTYPE A/E )  
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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2003,  
entry of the amendments and consideration of the following  
remarks is respectfully requested.

I. AMENDMENT

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Please cancel claims 1 to 34.

II. REMARKS

Prior to the present amendment, claims 1 to 53 were  
pending. The Examiner alleges that these claims are directed to  
two distinct and independent inventions as follows:

Group I: Claims 1 to 34, directed to a BoNT/A/E  
substrate; and